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Linn county has undertaken road building in a practical way and that county is now constructing some as fine macadamized turnpikes as can be found in the United States. The county has a rock crusher and graders bought in previous years and recently the county bought of the Buffalo Pitts Company one of their large steam road rollers which now gives the county a road building plant the equal of any county in the state. These road rollers weigh from 10 to 25 tons, the usual size used being from 15 to 18 tons when supplied with water and fuel and ready for the road. These rollers are fitted with a pair of powerful engines and in addition to furnishing its own motive power can haul a rock crusher water wagon, supply truck, in fact on a fairly good road it can pull a whole train of wagons. It is fitted with a side bar so that it can be used to pull a road grader when grading a road. The gearing can be quickly set so as to make it into a powerful stationary engine to operate a rock crusher or other machinery. This roller has a regular locomotive boiler and furnace and the most complete machine of its kind on the market and there is more of them in use in the United States than of all other rollers combined.

Jackson county is making a good beginning toward securing good roads and the time is not distant when this county will have a system of macadamized roads that will permit travel in the winter as readily as during the summer. The county now owns two graders and last year a rock crusher was purchased. To complete the road building plant the county should have a roller, for to grade up a road and leave it as soft as a summer-fallow is almost a waste of effort, for if left as a dirt road long before it has time to thoroughly settle it is cut full of ruts and chuch-holes which holding the water soon makes the road an impassable mudhole. If the loosely built grade is covered with rock it makes no better roadway for the rock settles into the underlying mud, for the summer-fallowed roadbed will not shed the rains like a hard rolled road and soon becomes so soft that the vehicles force the rock to the bottom of the loose earth. It is thus plain to all who have had experience in road building that if a roadbed cannot be made at least as firm as the original earth it would be best not to disturb it and loosen it up to become a quagmire. To build a permanent highway the roadbed should first be thoroughly drained and then the earth for building up the grade should be put on in thin layers and each layer rolled with a roller, not a light horse affair that exerts less pressure than a loaded wagon, for if that is the case the wagon wheels will cut the roadbed into ruts and holes, but the roller should be a powerful steam power roller of not less than 15 tons weight so that it will press the earth down so hard that a wagon wheel cannot rut it. Even if left as a dirt road such a highway, if kept well drained, will be in fairly good condition even during the winter season. But if covered with rock and thoroughly rolled with a roller heavy enough to pack the rock so the pieces cannot move about and work the surface of the road into a series of holes and hills it will be a permanent road for years with little expense to keep it in repair.

Jackson county now hires an engine to run the rock crusher an expense that could be lessened if the county had a big steam roller having power to run the crusher and then to haul it about the country whenever it had to be moved. Had the roads that were graded last season been thoroughly rolled with a heavy roller there would not have been the censure passed upon these new roads by all who had occasion to travel over them that there was for the macadamized roads would not have become a con-

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glomerate of rocks and mud and the dirt roads would not have been the fathomless mud holes that many sections of them became. The cause of good roads has come to stay in Jackson county and the road improvement now begun will be carried on with greater energy hereafter and more modern methods of road building will be carried on, which means that the county will complete its road plant by the purchase of a steam road roller and that when a section of road is improved it will be made a finished job and be permanent.

For the first time in the history of Jackson county has it come that a political party has pledged its support to the cause of good roads and in the campaign now on the Republicans in the platform adopted at their Gold Hill convention pledged their nominees for county judge and commissioner to carry on, by economical and conservative means the betterment of the highways of the county and if Mr. Dunn and Mr. Brown are elected respectfully fudge and commissioner, they with Commissioner Patterson who is also an active good roads advocate, will constitute a county court that will do all that the financial condition of the county will permit to create a system of highways that shall connect the market points with the outlying districts of the county and give to the farmers the opportunity to market their produce in the winter months when prices are best and there is the least rash of farm work.

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TIMBER LAND ACT JUNE 3, 1878—NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land Office, Roseburg, Oregon, March 12, 1904. Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An Act for the Sale of Timber Lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory" as extended to all the public land states by act of August 4, 1892,

FREDERICK L. CHAMPLIN

of Footh Creek, County of Jackson, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 6011 for the purchase of the Lots 3, 4, 5, SE 1/4, SE 1/4, SW 1/4, of Section No. 22 in Township No. 37 S, Range No. 4 W. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before CHAS. NICKELL, U. S. Commissioner, at his office in Medford, Oregon, on Saturday, the 28th day of May, 1904.

He names as witnesses: Carl Phelps, of Gold Hill, Oregon; Chas. F. Young, of Gold Hill, Oregon; William Lee, of Rock Point, Oregon; Riley Hammersly, of Wimer, Oregon.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 28th day of May, 1904.

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